

TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Minutes of March 19, 2012

A meeting of the North Smithfield Historic District Commission was held on

Monday, March 19, 2012

in the Greenwood Room at 6:30 PM

at the North Smithfield Public Library, 20 Main Street, Slatersville, RI

Call to order: 6:40 pm

Members Present: Louise Belisle, Daniel Couture, Jeffrey Harris, Linda Frye, Elizabeth Martin, Gwen Cunningham, Jeffrey Fontaine

Members Absent: None

Guests: Rick Macksoud

Materials Distributed: Agenda, Minutes, Preservation Brief (29).

Approval of Minutes from February 22, 2012 Meeting

Approval for the minutes from the February 22, 2012 meeting was tabled to next meeting.

Applications

- A. No applications to review at this time.

Communications

- A. As part of the Commission's continued 'Education Series', Jeff H. submitted to members a copy of Preservation Brief (29): The Repair, Replacement, and Maintenance of Historic Slate Roofs, by Jeffrey S. Levine, for the U.S. Department of the Interior. (see attached copy)
- B. Jeff H. informed the members of the upcoming 27th Annual Rhode Island Statewide Historic Preservation Conference "Heritage in America's Great Outdoors," to be held in Woonsocket and the Blackstone River Valley on Saturday, April 21, 2012.
- C. Jeff H. introduced several appendix items for the Rules and Regulations document, i.e. Town of North Smithfield Code of Ordinances (9-9.1-9.13) Historic District Commission, Rhode Island General Laws (45-24.1-4) Historical Area Zoning, Rhode Island General Laws (42-46.1-14) Open Meetings Act, and the Rhode Island General Laws (36-14.1-7) Code of Ethics.

Old Business

- A. A revised draft copy for the standardized informational letter to present to Real Estate agents and/or their respective companies was tabled to next meeting.
- B. A lively discussion was held on the status of 246 Great Road: 'contributing' or 'non-contributing' to the Union Village Historic District based on The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Evaluating Significance Within Registered Historic Districts. The

Commission determined that 246 Great Road was to be considered 'non-contributing' to the Union Village Historic District.

Motion: Louise Belisle
Seconded: Daniel Couture
All in favor
Opposed: None

New Business

- A. Jeff H. introduced a revised application for a Certificate of Appropriateness including a form for recording a List of Abutters and a standard notification letter for Abutters. This item was tabled to next meeting to allow for a full member review.
- B. Subcommittee Report: Union Village Historic District Research Committee
 - 1. Louise B. briefly described her research at the Building Inspector's office. She reviewed several properties that are partially within the existing historic district boundary (color-coded 'yellow' on the revised map of Union Village Historic District) and recorded concise notes on each one. There are a few of these properties remaining to review. Update to be continued at next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was called to a close at 8:00 p.m.

Motion: Jeffrey Fontaine
Seconded: Louise Belisle
All in favor
Opposed: None

Next Meeting: Monday, April 16, 2012